

REMARKS

Consideration of this patent application as preliminarily amended is respectfully
5 requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for the Examiner's comments in the Final
Office Action, dated 17 December 2004, which have greatly assisted Applicants in
responding. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-24, and 26-33 are pending in the present application.
Claims 1, 11, 29, and 30 have been preliminarily amended. No new matter has been
entered.

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In the Final Office Action, Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second
paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the
subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 30 has been amended
for further clarification. The specification has also been amended for further
15 clarification. No new matter has been entered. Applicants respectfully submit that
Claim 30 is fully supported by the specification and in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112
and, thus, is allowable. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and
allowance of the Claim.

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In the Final Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-24, and 26-33 were rejected under 35
U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,404,860 to Casellini
(hereinafter "Casellini"). Claims 1, 11, 29, and 30 have been preliminarily amended.
No new matter has been entered. Applicants respectfully submit that independent
Claims 1, 11, 29, and 30, as amended, are distinguishable over Casellini and should be
25 allowed. Claims 2-3, 5-9, 12-24, 26-28, and 31-33, dependent directly or indirectly from
allowable Claims 1, 11, 29, and 30 are also distinguishable over Casellini and should
also be allowed at least for the same reasons as stated above. Thus, Applicants
respectfully request allowance of all Claims.

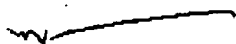
CONCLUSION

- 5 Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the claimed invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all Claims as preliminarily amended.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1445. If there are any questions regarding this
10 correspondence, please contact the undersigned at 650-474-8400.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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